

385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7513-002]

#### Rockfish Corporation, Inc., Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

September 5, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed an exemption surrender application for the Old Mill Hydroelectric Project, No. 7513-002. The Old Mill Project is located on the North River in Rockingham County, Virginia. The EA finds that approving the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 1C-1, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. For further information, please contact the project manager, Ms. Hillary Berlin, at (202) 219-0038.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5891-6]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Small Business Compliance Assistance Centers

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Small Business Compliance Assistance Centers (EPA ICR #1815.01). The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 14, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL:** Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1815.01.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Small Business Compliance Assistance Centers (EPA ICR #1815.01). This is a new collection.

**Abstract:** This request is for a consolidated clearance for a series of evaluations of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Small Business Compliance Assistance Centers Regulatory Reinvention Initiative. The purpose of the evaluation is to assess the impact of the information that this program provides. The Small Business Compliance Assistance Centers program, a Presidential Regulatory Reinvention Initiative, provides small businesses with easy access to sector-specific and readily understandable information on their federal environmental regulatory requirements. There are currently four operating Centers for the printing, metal finishing, auto service and repair and agriculture sectors. Over the next year, EPA's Office of Compliance (OC) will open four new Centers for the printed wiring board manufacturing, chemical manufacturing, local government and transportation sectors. The Centers are operated through cooperative agreements with industry associations, universities, state agencies and other partners that are trusted sources of information by the small business sectors. The Centers also serve the needs

of the state and local technical assistance community by providing them with sector-specific compliance and technical information.

The Centers are "communications" Centers rather than physical locations. Via the Internet, toll-free numbers, e-mail discussion groups and other communications methods they distribute compliance and technical information to the small business community and their assistance providers.

Four types of evaluations are proposed: (1) Phone-surveys of a random sample of the small business populations to determine the reach of the Centers; (2) & (3) on-line surveys and fax-back surveys of the users of the Center web sites and toll-free numbers to determine users' satisfaction with the Centers' services and to determine what users do as a next step with the information they get from the Centers.; and (4) phone interviews to follow-up with on-line and fax-back survey respondents to collect anecdotal information on the behavioral/operation changes that users undertake to improve their compliance and environmental performance as a result of Center usage. In each instance, responses to requests for information are voluntary. In addition, the names of the respondents will not be disclosed to EPA. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on June 25th, 1997 and no comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 45 minutes per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of